

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

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P R 020739Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8432  
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 7481

DEPARTMENT FOR (A/SY/OPS/FO); (A/SY/OPS/T); (A/SY/MSG); KARACHI  
FOR PSO.

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC MSG PK  
SUBJ: AMMUNITION

1. ON 2 JANUARY 1978, AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, KARACHI, PAKISTAN, WAS INFORMED BY THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, THAT TWO (2) BOXES CONTAINING 2400 ROUNDS OF .38 CAL BALL AMMUNITION WERE IMPOUNDED BY CUSTOMS PERSONNEL IN KARACHI WHEN OFF-LOADED FROM A PANAM CARRIER.

2. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN AND IN VIOLATION OF GOP REGULATIONS, THE TWO (2) BOXES WERE SENT BY THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICER, HENDERSON HALL, ARLINGTON, VA. 22206, VIA GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING #K-3811328, DATED 2 DECEMBER 1977. THE FLIGHT ORIGINATED IN WASHINGTON AND TERMINATED IN KARACHI UTILIZING PANAM AND LUFTHANSA AIRLINES. BOTH BOXES WERE CLEARLY MARKED SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, REART 122, EXPLOSIVE, EXPLOSIVE LABEL.

3. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD NOW IN A MOST EMBARRASSING SITUATION IN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE SINCE IT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY EVEN THOUGH AMMUNITION WAS BROUGHT INTO PAKISTAN VIA THE SUPPORT FLIGHT.

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4. TO AVOID FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT, PERMISSION IS REQUESTED TO GIVE THE AMMUNITION TO THE GOP OR RETURN THE AMMUNITION TO THE USMC, HENDERSON HALL FOR DISPOSITION.  
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